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### **Big Horn Water Board President Pleads Guilty**

San Bernardino, CA –Phillip Terrence Johnson, 64, of Landers pleaded guilty on Wednesday, October 29, 2008, to two misdemeanor counts of PC 632 (a), Eavesdropping. Johnson, who is President of the Big Horn Desert View Water Agency, received 30 days in County Jail, which he can serve on weekends. In addition, Johnson will be on probation for three years during which time he cannot seek or hold elected office. Johnson will also be required to resign his position on the Water Board.

On November 28, 2006, Johnson allegedly recorded a closed session of the Water Board. On October 16, 2007, he is alleged to have secretly recorded attorney interviews with potential witnesses in a personnel action, and on June 6, 2007, he allegedly recorded a telephone conversation with a water district employee. He was arrested on August 29, 2008.

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